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March 16, 1959
4:20 p.m.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT

The President telephoned Mr. Herter in connection with some suggested wording for his television address tonight on the Berlin situation.

Mr. Herter said that if the Foreign Ministers' meeting deteriorated so that they had to go into a Summit meeting, such a meeting should be held at the U.N. Security Council. With reference to Mr. Herter's conversation this afternoon with the British Ambassador, the President said Mr. Herter could tell the Ambassador that the President is going to state tonight that, if developments justify, he will go to a Summit, but he is going to say flatly that he will not go unless there are some favorable developments which would make it worth while.

